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TAGS: : MARR, BA, US

SUBJECT : MIDDLE EAST FORCE NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE : STATE 71687

1. MARCH 31 I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. LEFT WITH HIM COPY OF REASSURANCES LETTER CONTAINED REFTEL AS WELL AS AGREED NOTE ON JURISDICTION WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE AND AGREED NOTE ON ARTICLE 14 OF AGREEMENT WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND UNILATERALLY TO GOB.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS GREAT PLEASURE MIDDLE EAST FORCE NEGOTIATIONS HAD REACHED SUCCESSFUL DE FACTO CONCLUSION AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT'S UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION THROUGHOUT LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS OVER WHAT HAS BEEN A SENSITIVE PROBLEM FOR GOB. I ASKED IF I COULD SIGN ORIGINAL OF LETTER ON SPOT OR IF HE PREFERRED TO GO OVER IT AND RELATED NOTES WITH CABINET. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID GOB PREFERRED TO RE-EXAMINE DOCUMENTS AND PREPARE NECESSARY REPLIES TO PERMIT SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AND NOTES. HE ANTICIPATED NO FURTHER PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITHIN THE NEXT "TWO OR THREE DAYS".

3. FROM REVIEW LENGTHY FILE ON THIS SUBJECT, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM NOW AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE NOT ONLY LETTER ENDING
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NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ALSO NOTE ON JURISDICTION AND, AT THE SAME

TIME TO DELIVER AGREED "UNILATERAL" NOTE ON ARTICLE 14.
PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY IF THIS IS NOT CORRECT.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECDEF, CNO, JCS, CINCUSNAVEUR
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